

MEMORANDUM NO.: 2

TO: County and District Superintendents of Schools
County and District School Food Services Directors/Supervisors
Residential Child Care Institutions
Private and Parochial Schools

FROM: Todd A. Bedenbaugh, Interim Director
Office of School Food Services and Nutrition

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RE: Reimbursement Rates – July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010 and Adult Meal Pricing

The United States Department of Agriculture has officially released the rates of reimbursement for school meal programs for the 2009-10 school year. The maximum rates of reimbursement per program and meal category are shown below. The appropriate rates will be entered in the School Nutrition Automated Claim System (SNACS) for each district/program sponsor.

NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM	LESS THAN 60%	60% OR MORE*
PAID	.25	.27
REDUCED PRICE	2.28	2.30
FREE	2.68	2.70

*School districts/sponsors that served 60 percent or more free and reduced price lunches during the 2007-08 school year will be reimbursed at these rates for paid, reduced price, and free lunches served.

SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAM	NON-SEVERE NEED	SEVERE NEED**
PAID	.26	.26
REDUCED PRICE	1.16	1.44
FREE	1.46	1.74

**Maximum rates that will be paid to eligible schools for free and reduced price breakfasts during 2009-10. Reimbursement rates for severe need funding will be entered on the SNACS system for eligible schools based on the forty percent (40%) eligibility criteria. Based on the severe need rates provided above, all severe need eligible schools will receive these rates automatically when claims are entered in SNACS. For schools to qualify for severe need reimbursement, forty percent or more of the lunches served to students at that school in the second preceding school year must have been free or at a reduced price.

Severe Need Breakfast – The state Office of School Food Services and Nutrition will determine the schools eligible for “severe need” and enter it on SNACS for the coming school year. Schools where forty percent or more of the lunches served were at the free and reduced price during the 2007-08 school year will receive additional school breakfast reimbursement (severe need funding) of \$.28 more for each free and reduced price breakfast served. Severe need rates will be automatically paid to eligible schools during the school year.

Adult Meal Prices- The minimum adult meal prices for 2009-10 school year are \$3.10 for lunch and \$1.80 for breakfast, plus any additional local tax on sales of prepared foods. Districts may establish prices higher than the minimums.

USDA Commodities – In addition to the cash reimbursement rates, \$.1950 cents per lunch in entitlement commodities is anticipated for the coming year.

Afterschool Snacks - Rates of reimbursement to schools operating the After-School Snack Program during 2009-10 are as follows:

Full Paid Snack	\$.06
Reduced Price Snack	\$.37
Free Snack	\$.74

Qualifying schools, either those with fifty percent (50%) free and reduced price meal eligibility or those that are area eligible, will claim the free reimbursement rate for all snacks. Schools with free and reduced price meal eligibility under fifty percent (50%) must claim reimbursement by category - free, reduced price, and paid - for the students receiving snacks. In both situations, counts of students receiving snacks must be fully documented on a daily basis.

Please note that the reduced price charge per snack must not exceed \$.15. (Under no circumstances may a school charge children for snacks claimed at the free reimbursement rate.)

If you have any questions, please contact Todd A. Bedenbaugh at (803) 734-8205.

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